(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No loss was incurred by Postal department due to recent refusal to perform Over time duty by Mail Service staff in Delhi from October 17, 1995.

(b) The employees demanded payment of pending OTA bills.

(c) and (d) Non payment of Overtime allowance bills was due to non-availability of funds. However, payment of one month's Overtime allowance was made to the staff after the agitation began. Steps were also taken to secure further funds. Following discussions, staff unions called off the agitation on Nov. 3, 1995.

Cases Registered with National Human Rights Commission

942. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases regarding violation of Human Rights registered with the National Human Rights Commission during the period from the 1st April, 1995 till date; and

(b) the action taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) The National Human Rights Commission has registered 5449 cases from 1st April, 1995 to 31st October, 1995. Out of these 115 cases are yet to be placed before the Commission for consideration. Of the remaining 5334 cases, 2510 cases have been dismissed in limini and 2824 cases are found to be related to violation of human rights.

(b) Out of 2824 cases, 761 cases have been transmitted to various States/other authorities with appropriate directions for disposal at their end. The remaining 2063 cases have been admitted for inquiry out of which 116 cases have already been concluded.

U.S. Immigration Law

943. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the U.S. Government's decision to tighten the immigration laws;

(b) if so, what will be its likely impact on Indian citizens visiting the U.S. for study, research and employment purposes; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up this issue with the U.S. Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Government are aware of immigration legislation which has been proposed in the US Congress and which is currently at the Committee stage. The proposed legislation is expected to be debated in the House of Representatives and Senate in 1996.

(b) The proposed immigration legislation would have implications for legal immigration into the US based on family relationship, by imposing restrictions on family reunification, medicare and welfare benefits for dependents of legal immigrants/ permanent residents. It would also adversely affect employment-based immigrants in terms of reduction of numbers and professionals going from countries, including India, to the United States for brief periods to provide on-side services, particularly in the field of software exports.

(c) Government are alert, to developments in this regard. Sections of the Indian-American community are actively taking up their concerns regarding these laws with Members of the US Congress.